

## **Presidential Pardons**

Under the United States Constitution, the President of the United States has broad powers to pardon – meaning to grant mercy to – individuals for crimes that they have committed. The President is not required to consult with or obtain the consent of the victims of the crime or the prosecutors before issuing a pardon. On December 22, 2020, President Donald J. Trump granted full and unconditional pardons to Nicholas Slatten, Paul Slough, Evan Liberty, and Dustin Heard for their convictions in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia arising from the crimes they committed in Nisur Square, Baghdad, Iraq, against numerous victims on September 16, 2007. Copies of the pardons, signed by the President, can be viewed at the links below. Under U.S. law, there is no means to appeal or seek reconsideration of such pardons.